

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

In the Office Action, claims 1, 3-5, and 7-8 are pending and are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Applicants' Reply

Applicants' attorney would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended during the telephonic interview which took place on September 19, 2008. During the interview, the Examiner indicated that the foregoing amendments would overcome the art of record, but that a further search would be necessary. Applicants also note that the Examiner's interview summary of September 24, 2008 incorrectly lists Ms. Winterer as the third participant in the telephonic interview. The third participant in the interview was instead Applicants' representative, Robert Maier.

Claims 1 and 5 have been amended to clarify the claimed subject matter. Support for these amendments can be found, *e.g.*, in Paragraph 0029 of the Specification. As such, no new matter has been added. This amendment is made solely to expedite prosecution and does not constitute acquiescence to any of the Examiner's objections or rejections. Applicants reserve the option to further prosecute the same or similar claims in a subsequent application. Upon entry of the Amendment, claims 1, 3-5, and 7-8 are pending. Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims, as amended, are in condition for allowance over the cited prior art.

CONCLUSION

On the basis of the foregoing Amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims of the present application are allowable over the prior art of record. Applicants thus respectfully request the previous rejections be withdrawn, and that the pending claims be allowed by the Examiner. Favorable consideration and timely allowance of this application are respectfully requested. In the event that the application is not deemed in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Robert Maier at (212) 408-2538 in an effort to advance the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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